

Minutes of March 26, 2012

The Meeting was opened at 6:30 PM. All members were present.

The meeting minutes of March 19th were accepted as amended.

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed fee schedule that was received from the Building Inspector. It was noted that New Marlborough fees for building permits are less than several other Towns in the area and that the present fee schedule has not been reviewed since 2006. After further discussion a motion was made, seconded and so voted to accept the Building Inspector's recommended fees to go in effect May 15th.

The Board reviewed and discussed the preliminary proposal for handicapped accessibility for the main floor of the Town Hall. It was noted that estimated costs of the three proposals should be ready for review by the next meeting.

Barbara Marchione, Emergency Management Director, appeared before the Board to give an update on the status of the project work sheets that have been submitted to FEMA & MEMA. Mrs. Marchione advised that she has submitted 28 of the 38 project work sheets. Prior storm dates were in January (Ice Storm), August (Hurricane Irene), and October 2011(winter storm). Mrs. Marchione advised that funds need to be put back into the accounts that were utilized and/or paid out of a storm account, since FEMA/MEMA are watching how New Marlborough allocates funds due to an error in the past. Mrs. Marchione suggested the use of a paper trail on every aspect.

The Board announced that the Finance Committee will hold an informational meeting on April 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall for residents to review and discuss FY13 budgets.

Scott Farrell, Police Chief appeared before the Board at the request of the Board to discuss the situation regarding Elm Knoll Farm on Clayton Mill River Road. It was noted that Elm Knoll Farm vehicles have in the past done damage to the Town's roadway by plowing to close too the edge of the road along with entering and exiting the road. The Board inquired if any statutory laws apply in this situation so that the Town may recoup damages. Chief Farrell advised that he was not aware of any statutes that would apply in this matter. It was decided that the Board would contact Town Counsel regarding the matter.

The Board questioned Chief Farrell about the status of having the Town logo on the new cruiser. The Chief advised that Officer Frank will be working on this issue and the logo should be on the vehicle by the end of this week or next by the latest.

The Board inquired about the status of the old cruiser. Chief Farrell advised that the lettering still needs to be removed, but everything else with the exception of the cage has been removed. The Board advised that there is a possibility that the old cruiser might be used as a shared vehicle with other Towns by the Dog Officer. The Board is waiting for the other three Towns that share the same dog officer to see if they would be willingly to pay for repairs and upkeep of the vehicle. If not used for the Dog Officer then the old cruiser will be declared surplus and put out for bid. The Board will wait for the estimate on the repairs and to hear from the other three Towns before making any final decisions.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Skorput
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